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FM AMEMBASSY LOME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6656

INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, VS, TO

SUBJ: PRG ISSUE AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE

REF: SAIGON 14738; STATE 163270.

1. DEPUTY TRAN VAN DON CALLED AT EMBASSY AND REPORTED TO CHARGE AS FOLLOWS ON RESULTS CURRENT VISIT TO TOGO.

2. TRAN, SENATOR DANG VAN SUNG, AND VIETNAM CHARGE FROM ABIDJAN DUONG HONG TAO ARRIVED LOME 19 AUGUST. WERE RECEIVED BY FORMIN HUNLEDE AUG 20 AND BY PRESIDENT EYADEMA EARLY MORNING 21ST. BOTH ASSURED MISSION THAT GOT WOULD NOT RPT NOT SUPPORT SEATING PRG AS OFFICIAL MEMBER AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. QUESTION OF PARALLEL BETWEEN PRG AND SIHANOUK REGIME CAMBODIA (WHICH GOT RECOGNIZED LAST WEEK), RAISED BRIEFLY BY VIETNAMESE QUICKLY SQUELCHED THIS LINE OF TALK BY DENYING RESEMBLANCE BETWEEN TWO SITUATIONS. TRAN SAID VIETNAM BID FOR SUPPORT BASED PRIMARILY
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ON ARGUMENT THAT VOTE FOR ADMISSION PRG AT THIS STAGE OF MOVE

TOWARD POLITICAL SETTLEMENT SVN WOULD BE INTERFERENCE IN VIETNAMESE INTERNAL AFFAIRS. TOGOLESE REPORTEDLY AGREED THAT NOW WAS NOT APPROPRIATE TIME FOR SUCH ACTION.

3. TRAN SAID EYADEMA CONFIRMED HE WILL ATTEND NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE ALGIERS, PROBABLY IN COMPANY PRESIDENT HOUPHET-BOIGNY AND POSSIBLY CHIEFS OTHER NEIGHBORING STATES.

4. EYADEMA EXPRESSED DESIRE FOR RESIDENT VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR IN LOME. DELEGATION'S RESPONSE WAS NON-COMMITTAL BUT THEY STATED HOPE THAT NEW VIETNAM AMBASSADOR ABIDJAN ALSO ACCREDITED TOGO, WOULD BE ABLE PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS IN LOME ASAP AFTER ARRIVAL AT POST.

5. DELEGATION EXTENDED OFFICIAL INVITATION TO EYADEMA FROM PRESIDENT THIEU TO VISIT VIETNAM IN 1974. EYADEMA ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE AND WENT ON TO REMINISCE IN WARM TERMS OF PLACES HE VISITED IN 1954-56 ON ACTIVE DUTY WITH FRENCH ARMY IN INDOCHINA.

6. FORMIN HUNLEDE IS DEMONSTRATING FRIENDLY ATTITUDE TOWARD DELEGATION AND HAS INVITED MEMBERS TO DINE WITH HIM TONIGHT.

7. NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN OR WILL BE MADE OF TRUE PURPOSE DELEGATION VISIT. ACTING AS SPOKESMAN, DANG TOLD PRESS ON ARRIVAL THAT MISSION WAS TO STUDY IMPROVED COOPERATION BETWEEN VIETNAM AND TOGO.
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